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In accordance with your request, [REDACTED] the following additional information has been obtained:

1. A large factory was built by the Germans at Hradec Kralove during the war. Unfortunately, this plant is known only through contact with its general manager, Vambersly, during the war years. He tried to use German money to build something that would become useful for Skoda in peacetime. Plans originally included a large forge, but only a light metals foundry was actually built.
2. No information is available concerning the reduction plant in Hradec Kralove, but it is known that such a plant has been lacking in Czechoslovakia. Raw copper, which was supplied by various sources, believed to include Yugoslavia, Turkey and the USSR, had to be sent to the Netherlands and Hamburg, Germany for purification. The electrolysis plant in Krompachy (R49/E06) was destroyed by the Germans in 1945. The necessity for a reduction plant has often been emphasized in discussions with leading men in the Directorate for Metallurgy. It is probable that Hradec Kralove has been chosen for this purpose and that other non-ferrous metals are refined there.

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